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**Act No. 31 (S. 48). An act relating to regulating the sale of catalytic converters**

**Subjects: Consumer protection; commerce and trade**

Sec. 1 of this act adds 9 V.S.A. § 3022(a) governing the sale and transportation of catalytic converters and provides that a scrap metal processor may purchase only one used and detached catalytic converter per day, except from a motor vehicle recycler or repair shop and that any person, other than a motor vehicle recycler or repair shop, cannot transport two or more used and detached catalytic converters unless (A) the catalytic converter is engraved or permanently marked with the VIN number of the vehicle from which it was removed; and (B) the transporter possesses documentation demonstrating proof of ownership. This act also amends 9 V.S.A. § 3022(b) to clarify the duty and the type of documents required for a seller to demonstrate proof of ownership when selling any type of scrap metal to a scrap metal processor. This act also amends 9 V.S.A. § 3022(c) to harmonize the penalty provisions with the duties applicable to any person under the chapter. Sec. 2 of this act adds 24 V.S.A. § 2242(d) to require that, before issuing a certificate of registration to a salvage yard, the Secretary of Natural Resources must obtain written acknowledgment that the applicant is aware of, and will comply with, the laws governing buying, selling, transporting, and record keeping for scrap metal. Sec. 3 of this act adds 24 V.S.A. § 2244 to require the Secretary of Natural Resources to conduct unannounced inspections of salvage yards, including at least one facility annually to ensure compliance with 9 V.S.A. chapter 82. Sec. 4 of this act, in subsection (a), requires the Department of Public Safety (DPS) to adopt and publish sample forms for use by the public and scrap metal processors when buying, selling, transporting, or keeping records for scrap metal sales; subsection (b) requires DPS and the Agency of Natural Resources to conduct a public outreach campaign concerning the laws governing scrap metal sales.

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